THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

PoW lodged in Kot Lakhpat Jail

*248. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (Durru): Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have refused to accept 51 PoW, lodged in Kot Lakhpat Jail in Pakistan, 32 of whom have been declared as internees after completing their jail terms awarded by various Pakistani courts;

(b) if so, whether Government have also refused to accept ashes of 21 cremated Indian Prisoners of War lying in the Kot Lakhpat Jail; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Pakistan has not acknowledged the presence of any Indian PoW in its custody.

Handing over of NH-52 to BRO

*249. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been decided to hand over National Highway-52 to the Border Roads Organisation;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor, the date of decision and actual execution;

(c) the details of the outstanding liabilities to the contractors and the category-wise strength and probable fate of the employees in the light of the said decision, working under Assam PWD for National Highway-52;

(d) the details of the improvement and repair plan, including target set for conversion into four lane; and